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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: TERRORISM:ARGENTINA

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM UNDER SECRETARY BROWN

1. DEPARTMENT GREATLY APPRECIATES TIMELY, COMPLETE AND CANDID APPRAISAL CONTAINED REFTEL AS WELL AS PROPOSALS FOR HELPING MINIMIZE DANGERS DETAILED THEREIN.

2. IN EFFORT TO RESPOND TO EMBASSY REQUESTS, FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE:

A. EMBASSY WARSAW BEING CONTACTED TO DETERMINE POSSIBILITY IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY GEORGE BECKETT FOR TRANSFER TO B.A. EMBASSY WILL BE NOTIFIED OF RESULTS ASAP.

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B. ROGER ROBINSON, SY OFFICER EXPERIENCED IN PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING MATTER, DEPARTING N.Y. FOR B.A. EVENING APRIL 23 ACCOMPANIED BY SEABEE SPECIALIST WHO WILL BE BRINGING LARGE SUPPLY OF HOUSE LOCKS.

C. IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT JOSEPH MCNULTY, RSO MONTEVIDEO WILL ARRIVE B.A. APRIL 24 TO REMAIN UNTIL NEW RSO ARRIVES.

D. KNAUF SHOULD PLAN TO REMAIN A WHILE LONGER IN B.A. TO ASSIST AMBASSADOR IN REVAMPING OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. GENTILE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM ABOUT RETURN PLANS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE RECOMMENDATION IN PARAGRAPH 9(A) WE AGREE THAT A PLAN FOR ACCELERATED REDUCTION OF LARGE OFFICIAL MISSION SHOULD BE DRAWN UP AND PUT INTO EFFECT RIGHT AWAY. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS SOONEST ON HOW YOU WOULD EFFECT SUCH A REDUCTION IN TERMS OF NUMBERS AND BY AGENCY. NOT COUNTING MARINES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SECURITY PERSONNEL COULD YOU NOT OPERATE MISSION WITH FIFTY OR LESS AMERICANS? EXPERIENCE IN OTHER POSTS FACING SIMILAR SITUATION WOULD INDICATE THIS FEASIBLE.

4. REGARDING MEASURES CONTAINED PARAGRAPH 9(B) THROUGH 9(H) WE ASSUME YOU ARE CONSIDERING HOW TO PUT THESE INTO EFFECT AS RAPIDLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. YOU WILL WANT TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT PRACTICALITY AND EFFICACY OF PLACING GUARDS ON SCHOOL BUSES (PARA 9 (B)). WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE HERETOFORE NOT BEEN TARGETS OF TERRORISTS. PLACING SUCH GUARDS ON BUSES CARRYING CHILDREN OF OTHER NATIONALITIES MAY CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT WOULD SOLVE.

5. TDY PERSONNEL DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS TELEGRAM WILL ASSIST THE EMBASSY IN ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES MENTIONED IN PARA 9(I) THROUGH 9(N).

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO INFORM GOA AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE NEW THREAT.
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WE ASSUME THAT YOU WILL BE ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL GOA PROTECTION TO ASSIST YOU IN CARRYING OUT TIGHTENED SECURITY MEASURES. HOW THE GOA RESPONDS TO THESE REQUESTS IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO US.

7. REQUEST LATEST AVAILABLE FIGURES ON NUMBERS OF U.S. CITIZENS IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES, I.E. U.S. OFFICIALS, DEPENDENTS, PRIVATE CITIZENS, DEPENDENTS, AVERAGE

NUMBER OF U.S. TOURISTS AND VISITORS PER DAY, ETC. KISSINGER

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